

By the way what do think of my giving  
up my Rank & embarking wholly in  
the Antislavery cause?—

When is the Mass. of late Anti S. Ann.  
messing?— I wish to see you very  
much in regard to various matters &  
things & ——— — D. R.



Dover N. H. Dec 4 - 1838

Rev. David Root.

PHELPS  
MSS.

Dear Brother Phelps, I just saw in the Boston Recorder a notice of your having received a call from the Free Church in Boston to become their Pastor.

Now I am not prepared to judge what is your duty in this case - as I know not what bearing your own circumstances ought to have upon the question before you; but you will allow me to say, that if you do leave the field which you are now occupying so successfully, it will greatly dampen my feelings in the cause of humanity & operate generally to dishearten the friends of the slave. I hope you will pause before you do so. I was myself just about to leave my people & enlist wholly in the Anti Slavery Cause & have already taken the first step; but if you if you return now at this crisis - I don't know what I shall do.

Besides in case I go, I should that some one nearly as good as good as yourself would occupy the ground here. — Suppose you come here the Sabbath before the Mass. S. & S. S. hold their Anniversary in July - Will that do? You know what I suggested — Yours David Root

I expect to be thirty Sabbath at Newburyport you know to lecture as they have got a house for me!